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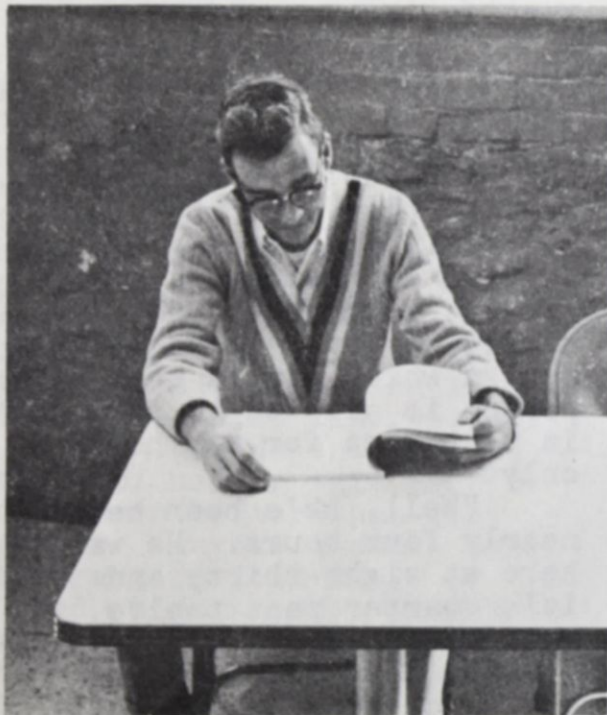
*He gave man speech, And speech created thought,
Which is the measure of the universe.*

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Quadrino Elected President



Does this face look familiar? Well, if it doesn't, it should. For it belongs to none other than our go getting leader, Jerry Quadrino. Here at G.C.C., Jerry has been a first year Student Council member and a member of the constitution committee, and a member of the Social Activities Board. He was chairman of last year's highly successful Spring Weekend. He has recently been elected as President of the Student Council, the highest position a student may attain here at G.C.C.

Jerry is a veteran, having served three years in the Navy. He is a native of Greenfield and a member of the Jaycees. Last year he was elected a town meeting member, one of the youngest in Greenfield's history.

Jerry tells me that he thoroughly enjoys working in the interest of others. We owe him a debt of gratitude for the unselfish hours he has given and will continue to give toward the betterment of G.C.C. Thank you Jerry.

Exchange Students Welcomed

If you haven't met our Virgin Island exchange students, Juliette Stevens and Roger Hill, do so as soon as possible. Both possess interesting and exciting personalities. As for further endeavors, both have worthwhile aspirations involving education and vocational pursuits. Roger's plans include majoring in engineering at Northeastern University or Amherst College. Being a versatile person, however, Roger's future plans include not only engineering but also local politics on his

home island, St. Thomas. Juliet, feeling that something should be done about the shortage of teachers in the Virgin Islands, plans to enrich her future life by teaching elementary grades. Juliet's vibrant personality will certainly be an attractive addition to any classroom.

Juliet's non-academic interests lie within the realm of music (calypso or popular) and reading for sheer pleasure. Rogers's spare time is spent in the library reading (usually the Science Digest) or chasing a ball around a basketball court. By the way, Roger's big ambition while here in Massachusetts is to see the Boston Celtics play.

When asked to compare GCC with their own CVI, College of the Virgin Islands, both agreed that although very similar, there are a few major differences. At GCC the students do not seem to be as close to each other owing to the fact there is no dorm life on our campus. In addition, GCC does not have as many activities in operation.

Coming from a warm climate, which both miss, winter is an exciting and novel experience to which they are anxiously looking forward. Juliet would especially like to put her efforts into learning the arts of ice skating and skiing.

If you would like to be refreshed during your free hours, introduce yourself to these students. Juliet can usually be found in the library. Stop in, say "hello" and enjoy the company of this warm, outgoing person. Roger can be found in the snack bar discussing the latest in sports or politics. Both want to meet as many people as possible before they return home in December. So don't be shy--widen your scope of life and theirs.

From The President's Desk

We are off on our fourth year and it promises to be our best. New students and new faculty alike have pitched in to carry their share of the work and together with the old timers, a great team seems to be developing.

It is exciting to be a part of the great educational enterprise. The noble American experiment, universal public education, continues to be a very real goal as all sectors of our society press to provide more and better education to more and more people of all ages. We must be concerned with the trust given to education as a result of the knowledge explosion and the burden placed upon the citizenry and complexity of the world society.

If we are to live as a free people, we must learn and learn as long as we live. The consequence of our failure to meet and solve the many problems of our age is too great to risk. We have no choice but to pursue the good life possible for enlightened people. The alternative is a type of slavery promoted by ignorance.

I wish each of you great success during this college year and trust you will find much happiness while at G.C.C.

Lewis O. Turner

The Faculty Speaks: Life, Liberty, And The Ludicrous



Editor's note:

Faculty Speaks is a column which will be presented in each Prometheus issue. This will provide an opportunity for one member of the faculty to expound his views on a subject of particular interest to him.

Victor Hugo once wrote, "Democracy proves its solidity by the absurdities that are heaped on, without shaking it . . . At this moment they try to make it carry despotism and carry it to the point of exhaustion. A significant sector of the American public suffers from a mass megalomania, i.e., they see themselves as the Messiah, the Christ of the American way. They group in various organizations bearing such levels as "The Minutemen" or "The Anti-Communist Christian Crusade." Titles notwithstanding, they share a common feature, they all would bring destruction to the very system they claim to be saving.

One need only glance at some of their literature to discover the insanity of their views. America is threatened, they claim, by the likes of John Kennedy, Dwight Eisenhower, and Chief Justice Earl Warren, all conscious agents of the Communist conspiracy. Communists control all the mass media, most minority groups and the majority of American church pulpits. The American government is actively and knowingly giving support to the international conspiracy by its support of the Communist front United Nations. We read this and

discovered it as absurd. We're sure no one could possibly capture any power at all behaving as such stupidities. But then, we remember November of 1964 and the Disaster of the Republican Party, one of America's two great political coalitions, which ceased to be a coalition.

Opinions alone are impotent. It is the course of action to which they lead one must be concerned with. Most of the believers claim to be conservatives, implying thereby that they wish to preserve the status quo and/or to advance by traditional means. But their views are not conservative, not like those of the late Robert Taft or Senate Minority Leader Dirksen. Unlike these men, the believers do not wish to preserve but instead would destroy. Their ideas and actions are reactionary. No other title fits. The reactionary himself, proves the accuracy of this classification. Democracy, to one of the most vociferous of them, is a perennial fraud. Loyalty can only be assured by a dictatorial boss. This is the reactionary's so called Americanism. Its essence is a dictatorial negation of democracy.

For a short time the reactionary element was catered to by this country. Possibly they represented more votes than anyone thought and so they were called patriots. But their expected support proved mythical and jailed as those who chose to appease them. And now, they are disowned, cast

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EDITORIAL:

Can College "Kids" Read?

There have been complaints. Everyone complains once in a while. When the complaint is legitimate, though, we should consider the situation and our position in the situation and see if it is in our power to rectify it.

"These kids are going to college and they don't seem to be able to read." I had absolutely no choice but to agree with the police officer that said the above. He was in the process of tagging a first year student's car that was parked directly adjacent to a sign which stated that a person is allowed to park in that area for two hours only.

"Well, he's been here nearly four hours. He was here at eight-thirty and it's quarter past twelve. What can I do?"

We have signs in the G.C.C. parking lot, too. These signs are obviously put there for a very good reason. There are, for instance, two "No Parking" signs. These areas are needed, in the event of fire, for quick access by fire apparatus to G.C.C. and the adjacent elementary school.

There are signs that designate where students may park and where faculty may park.

Many of you have been tagged for "not reading" the signs. We regret this. We would like not to have to tag cars. It, however, becomes a necessity to enforce rules when we have five hundred students and forty-five student parking spaces.

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Folk Singers Active Again

On Wednesday, October 13, after my first class, I went up to interview Mr. Schneider about the school Folk Singing Club. Although I was a little nervous, my fears were soon put to rest when Mr. Schneider met me at the door and began talking as if it was the most natural thing in the world to be interviewed.

He told me that he had hopes of making this year's club even better than last year's. Anyone who has any interest in folk music is urged to join. Mr. Schneider also made it very clear that a person doesn't have to play the guitar or sing in order to attend the meetings. The club holds discussions on various types of folk music, their meanings, and their style. Anyone who does have musical talent will receive instruction and hopefully will progress in his skill.

The club itself is split up into various interest groups including blue grass, jug band, blues, and many others. As Mr. Schneider said, "The kids themselves determine what they want to study. All I try to do is guide them when they ask for my help."

The club meets every Friday night at Mr. Schneider's house in Warwick. They also have sessions in the Snack Bar during the week.

This year, two concerts are planned which will be offered free to students. The first Folk Festival will be held November 12, featuring Blues and Blue Grass music. There will also be another concert in the spring which has not been fully planned as of yet.

As I left, Mr. Schneider assured me that the twenty-five or thirty people now in the club would welcome any other students who are interested in good old-fashioned music.

Suzanne Sevene

Mr. Kier:

Where The Action Is

Our new Director of Student Activities, Mr. Robert B. Keir, is one of the busiest people on the GCC campus. Actually, his title is somewhat of a misnomer because his job encompasses much more than is implied. His duties include everything that deals with the non-academic side of college life, including co-curricular activities, orientation, registration, admission, job placement, housing, and alumni relations.

Mr. Keir has announced that the social activities offered by the college will be greatly expanded this year. Since seventy per cent of the student body live in a ten mile radius of the college, social activities such as record hops, first run movies, or swim night at the "Y", are being scheduled for each week end. In addition, at least one major activity is being presented each month. In October, the Student Council presented Macbeth and a Halloween dance was held. In November, the folk singing group will sponsor a folk music festival. In December, a one-act play will be presented by the drama group and a holiday dance will be held. Physical activities, possibly intramural sports, are still in the planning stages under the direction of Mr. Thomas Foster

Mr. Keir has stressed the importance of co-curricular (not extra curricular) activities in college life. This should be a vital part of the student's education--widening his horizons, helping him to become a better person in general. Mr. Keir has urged every student to become involved in at least one co-curricular activity. However, these activities should not be undertaken at the expense of academic performance.

Mr. Keir likes the people of the college and of the whole community, whom he describes as a "great group." He especially likes the vibrant growth and change which make this period of transition and establishment of tradition a particularly exciting time.

Most of Mr. Keir's interest lie within the realm of his job and family. In anything he does he tried to do a good job. As far as his family is concerned, he is a do-it-yourselfer around the house and has been active in Boy Scouting. In high school and college his interest in music was brought forth by participating in the band, playing the drums. (If we ever need a drummer at a dance, we know where we can get one, don't we?)

Mr. Keir stresses that his interest is in the individual student. Anyone with a problem of any kind can be sure that Mr. Keir is there to give a helping hand. Mr. Keir explains his feeling this way, "My door has never been locked."

Dr. Padgug Exclaims 'I Love It Here!'

"I love it here" sum up the feeling of our new Dean of Faculty, Dr. Jacob Padgug, toward G.C.C. Dr. Padgug, a family man with wife, Barbara, and two children, Joel and Sarina, is happy in the bustling transitional atmosphere here.

Dean Padgug, a great believer in the community college system, feels that when the student body reaches two-thousand a new college should be built. Education of the masses should be our goal rather than mass education which has constituted the surest

thing leading to riots in large colleges. He feels that a small college allows for more personal contact between the instructor and the student.

As far as the new G.C.C. campus is concerned, Dr. Padgug could give no definite ideas about the school. However, he announced that the planning now being done will include the entire faculty and is only tentative for such things as space and programs.

In the near future,

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New Recreation Program: Challenge To Students

Recreation What's That? Do you play games for an hour and have lots of fun? No, the recreation program means a lot of hard work for the students involved, but the class as well as the directors are eager and enthusiastic. (Actually, Recreation is defined as the natural expression of certain human interests and needs.)

The Recreation Program under the able direction of Mr. Thomas Foster, is underway for the first time this year at G.C.C. A basic outline of work expected from the students has been set up. Magazine reports on a full issue are due five times during the

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aside with the political aspirations which were also thwarted. Senator Dirksen, who refused to condemn them in November 1964 has denied them. Even Barry Goldwater, their greatest hope, has at last decided to push them away.

Yet, the stream of vitriolic idiocies continues. The frustrated and frightened reactionary calls out for a retreat to the never-never land of sweet innocence. He is a dangerous irritant, an annoyance one hopes will cease. And cease he will, and only if, the system he wishes to destroy strikes back. His response to an attack would be elimination of the attacker in any fashion most expedient. Democracy, however, calls for more restraint. The system provides the channels for the reactionaries demise, e.e., the freedom to speak of his greatest weakness--his failure to accept the real world.

After he is stripped naked, his falsely patriotic exterior removed, we see the reactionary for what he is. A frightened little despot who cries out in the darkness for Father to protect him from the boogey man under his crib.

R. J. DelGuidice

semester. Occasional book list will also help to broaden the student's already growing knowledge of recreation. After the Christmas vacation extemporaneous oral reports lasting from 7-10 minutes on some aspect of organized recreation will be required of each student. At the end of the semester each student is required to do a term paper or project on some aspect of recreation.

The students in the class range from future gym teachers, athletic directors nurses, social program directors, elementary education majors and forestry managers.

Mr. Foster, at the beginning of the semester, put forth a challenge to all of us in the 4 out of 7 rounds of table tennis. Also, he has challenged all students to a white-water canoeing contest. As of yet, I haven't heard of any takers to the challenge. Rise up ye students of G.C.C. and meet the call!

An occasional speaker will enlighten the class on some aspect of recreation or on the job opportunities available for the trained recreator. Many students will have the opportunity to find part-time and summer jobs along this line to

bring out their skill in this field. Experience is the best teacher for these students who will be tomorrow's leaders.

Linda Tuttle

Dramatics Continue At G.C.C.

Eager, ready, and encouraged by their last year's triumph, Bye Bye Birdie, the drama group is prepared to launch a full-scale program, including three one-act plays culminating in a spring production. Plans are in the making for the first two plays. The Christmas presentation has been selected. The group will do Everyman, a medieval morality play, in the costume of the times. Mr. Drabeck, a specialist in production perfection, will direct.



Quoth The THOG!

My friends, what is education? Why does it exist? What does it mean? Well, it means precisely this--a leading out, a leaving behind of those narrow little shells which you dragged through the doors of college. You think you know something--don't bet on it. All the findings of the ages are but a thimbleful in the sea of knowledge and you're going to cram it into four semesters work. Open up those minds of yours and learn. Books weren't made to collect dust so don't let yours do it. Grant a favor to an aging mascot--hang around and get to be an alumnus. You might not store much in your head but half a brain is better than none!

And so you see, old Thog is as evasive as always. I never did answer my own question--but who would listen to a Thog anyway. They're supposed to be stuffed, stupid and silent!

Dr. Padgug....

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Dr. Padgug has made several tentative projections which will be applicable to our present situation here at the Federal Street Campus. He hopes to institute a program of physical education which should fill our requirements for accreditation. He would also like to offer to the student what the student prefers not what he has to have.

Dr. Padgug leaves this thought with the student, "I am very excited about the Community College program in general and since it is a growing institution and still growing, it is not only the faculty but also you, the student, who will shape, as partners in building, this institution."